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Proposed Charge on Irrigation Water

There appears to be some misunderstanding regarding the proposed charges for irrigation water that would be stored by the Willow Creek Dam, if and when it is built. Perhaps the matter has not been made clear in stories relative to the irrigation feature that have been printed in this paper. It should be clarified to avoid misunderstanding when the farmer survey is taken to determine interest in the near future.

As pointed out by the Bureau of Reclamation, the \$3 per acre foot cost to the farmer that has been proposed as an estimate by the Bureau would be only for the stored, or supplemental, water for irrigation. Charge for administration is included in the \$3. There would be no charge to the farmer for water used under his present water rights, and John Mangen of the Bureau has reiterated several times that the water rights would be protected.

The proposal of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau is that possibly 3000 to 4000 acre foot of water could be provided for supplemental irrigation by increasing the size of the proposed dam, which would be primarily for flood control but would have other purposes—recreation, pollution abatement, wildlife protection.

This stored water has been termed "supplemental" water because it is not deemed sufficient to provide all the irrigation necessary for acreages along the creek but would allow about one acre foot per year for the some 3750 acres that are, or might be, under irrigation, thereby supplementing present irrigation. Also, the provision that one person may irrigate only 100 acres, or 320 acres for man and wife, but only 160 for a corporation, applies only to the proposed supplemental water. There is no restriction of this kind on farmers' use of irrigation water under their existing rights.

There's A Careful Driver and There's . . .

(From Burns Times-Herald)

The Oregon Traffic Safety Commission has submitted to the Legislative Interim Committee a nine-part legislative program. Here is a summary of those proposals:

1. Arrest on reasonable grounds. Which would provide authority for an officer to arrest or cite a driver at a traffic scene if the officer, based on his personal investigation and on testimony received from witnesses, has reasonable grounds to believe a driver involved in the accident committed a violation in connection with the accident.
2. Speed control. Provide maximum speed limits in addition to the basic rule and raise speed limits for buses to the same as those for automobiles.
3. Implied consent. Provide that in return for the driving privilege every motor vehicle driver shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a chemical test if tendered by an officer after the person has been arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Refusal to submit to such a test would constitute grounds for license suspension.
4. Vehicle safety equipment. Establish standards for seat belts and brake fluid.
5. Appeals on license suspension. Provides that a license suspension based on a court conviction for a traffic offense would not have to be rescinded, as it is now, when the conviction is appealed.
6. Driver education. Provide for the certification of drivers training instructors.
7. Minimum license age. Provide that the minimum age for obtaining a driver's license shall be 18 unless the applicant has passed a driver training course.
8. Avoiding apprehension. Provide for a separate offense and penalty for the act of fleeing police to avoid apprehension for traffic violations.
9. Possession of alcohol by minors. Provide a penalty for minors found with alcohol in their possession while in a motor vehicle and to make it illegal to have an open bottle in a vehicle.

Most of these recommendations make good sense. The Labor Day holiday carnage of 501 killed in traffic accidents can't help but bring home to those who survived the necessity of doing something about traffic accidents. The number of automobiles on the highways and city streets is fast becoming astronomical. The number of "accidents" caused by head-on collisions tend to make one think some of these are nothing less than suicidal.

We are of the firm belief, however, that no one, anywhere, is ever going to be able to legislate safety. It must be brought about thru education, thru a realization that the golden rule applies on the highways just as it does at the supper table. Excessive speed will kill and continue to kill, no matter if the speed limit is set at 35 miles per hour, because the speeders will continue to speed. The smart alecks will continue to be smart alecks no matter how much legislation is passed.

We can't believe that a speed limit will do any good towards cutting down accidents. We do believe that drastic and sharp revisions of the driving privilege should be studied. We do not believe that just because a person is 70 or 75 or 80 he is unable to drive. We believe there are persons of 25, 30 and 35 much less fit to be behind the wheel of an automobile than many of our older citizens. The question of sharper "reflexes" is modified when one realizes that a good driver doesn't need such sharp reflexes because he doesn't get into situations requiring split-second action . . . he knows better.

It is rather like the two kinds of airplane pilots. Two kinds, the careful kind and the dead kind. . . .

TO THE EDITOR. . .

To the Editor:

I want to commend you for your fine editorials. The recent one on the Seaside incident was very thought-provoking and we parents thank you for speaking out on the matter. Perhaps we may take a good look at ourselves and what we are doing with our children.

Sincerely,
Mrs. T. C.

Boy in Hospital

Tommy Steagall, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall of Lexington, was taken to the Good Shepherd hospital, Hermiston, Wednesday for tests and observation. The boy has been in ill health and in recent weeks seems to have become worse, his mother said. He was taken to the hospital in an effort to diagnose his condition.

If you've given up on trying to get something open, tell a four-year-old not to touch it.

Ruggles Attends Insurance Conclave

C. A. Ruggles, of the C. A. Ruggles Insurance Agency in Heppner, was among 200 delegates attending this week-end's 34th annual convention of the Oregon Association of Independent Insurance Agents, at Portland's Multnomah hotel.

The 39-year-old organization of property insurance specialists—agents handling fire, theft, liability, auto, casualty, and surety coverage lines—was host to four key industry speakers including Oregon insurance commissioner Walter G. Korlann, John N. Cosgrove of New York, prize-winning author and insurance journalist, spoke during Friday's opening business session, followed by Milton R. Cheverton of San Diego, board member of the National Association of Insurance Agents, and by Rev. Francis E. Corkery, S. J., former member of the National War Labor Board and ex-president of Gonzaga University.

Saturday's seminars covered community service projects, insurance law, premium financing, and allied subjects.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WELL, there's another good reason for going to football games in Heppner now. Lowell Gribble's announcing over the public address system is almost as interesting as the game. Although his style isn't quite the same as that which made Dizzy Dean famous as a broadcaster, he does have some picturesque expressions that add humor and spice to the enjoyment of his audience, such as, "He was held for no gain—or less."

Oh, Grib could be a famous announcer some day, even though he does use better English than Diz. There's one thing against him, though. He probably can't sing "Wabash Cannonball."

MARIE (Mrs. Clint) McQuarrie didn't want to be late for the OSU-Iowa State game in which her son-in-law, Dick Ruhl, will play Saturday night, and so she left Wednesday. That's probably even before Iowa State departed from the Midwest!

Actually, though, Marie thought this would be a good opportunity to visit a little with daughter Suzy and get a few days head start, going first to Corvallis to visit with Susan and Dick. Clint stayed home to tend the store.

We understand that Dick has been working out as first string fullback this week because of injuries to Leroy Whittle and Bruce Williams. However, latest dope is that the latter two are expected to be ready to go for the big opening game.

Meanwhile, back at Wilson's Men's Wear, Bill Blake has been selling tickets like mad to folks going to the game to root for Dick. It's quite a job to handle all the details of ticket selling (including finding out what to do when a purchaser loses a pair she bought), and we think Bill should get a real big thank you for doing it.

THINGS LOOKED pretty dark for the school board Tuesday night when the bids were received on the second call for construction of the Heppner-Lexington high school. This was because of the fact that the lights went out while they were in the midst of their deliberations on the complicated bids with all the alternates involved.

But when the lights came on, after individuals groped for matches, hunted flashlights and yearned for candles, they got it all straightened out, and we're going to have a school under construction at last.

JUST IN CASE anyone may want to know what we thought of the Mustangs in their first game of the season, we'll say that we think they looked pretty good. There is some real strength on the team, and when they get their offense put together a little better, we think they will win some ball games. Our prediction is that the first victory will be here Friday night over Condon.

The Ione Cardinals, too, are rolling again. They have one of those schools that always comes up with a fine team. We wouldn't be at all surprised to see them going down the state play-off route again this year even despite the heavy losses they suffered by graduation. That Riverside game coming up, though, could be a rough one.

WE APPRECIATED getting the petitions from the school children last week asking that a theater be rebuilt, and we're glad to see their interest. It would have been appropriate, though, if they had added one more paragraph: A pledge that they would all behave themselves at shows if and when a theater is provided. One of the pestiferous problems about operating a movie house in this day and age is the racket that the kids of all ages (even into college years) make and the cutting up that they do. This keeps people away (particularly adults) who want to come to be entertained.

There is a lot of interest in the community towards doing something to get the theater reopened, but we would like to see a petition passed around among the kids resolving that their signers would behave themselves if they have the opportunity of going to movies in a restored theater.

"I CANNOT see what possible health benefits can come from investigating the social role of the aging wild ungulate," writes Congressman Walter Norblad of Oregon's first district in protesting a proposed appropriation of funds for the National Institutes of Health to finance various research projects. Included was \$8,025 to study the "wild ungulate."

"I wonder how many of us would know a wild ungulate if we met one face to face?" the congressman asked. He found in consulting the dictionary that it is a hoofed mammal, as ruminants, swine, horses, tapirs, rhinoceroses, elephants, etc.

While allowing the boon to mankind of the research that leads to penicillin and the miracle drugs, Cong. Norblad declares that he can't understand the need for such things as "Studies of silent thinking, \$28,565." "Investigation of information contained in echoes, \$13,837." "The ontogeny of English phrase structure, \$21,000." "Emergent leadership among the New Guinea Tolai, \$1251." "Garbage and wastes as mushroom nutrients, \$14045." "A stereotactic atlas of the beagle brain,

\$9,775," and others.

"These are but a few of their research projects and if successful in them, as the old saying goes, they may well find a cure for which there is no disease . . . I am protesting to the Director of the National Institutes of Health against the expenditure of any funds on these particular research projects unless he can prove their value."

We're with you, congressman!

Former Cowboy Recalls Old Days Around Heppner

If there were a division of the rodeo for riders 65 and older, L. V. Blair, former cowboy of the Heppner area, would like to take part, he writes in a letter from his home on route 1, Sheridan.

Blair visited in Heppner during the Pendleton Round-up and said that he wouldn't mind living here again.

Under date of September 14, his letter said, "I stayed overnight last night at the Heppner Hotel. I came over to your office to give you a story, but you were closed. So I'll try and write it for you."

"I landed in your fair city in 1919 in search of work and met a fellow by the name of Gene Lovgren of the upper Eight-mile country. He said, 'Can you break horses out?' and I said, 'Yes.' So I hired to him and went out and broke some for him."

"I saw a piece in a paper sometime ago telling about the town of Hardman. When we got the spring crops in for Mr. Lovgren, we would take a couple 4-horse teams and go through Hardman and cut dead pine

trees to logs and haul them wood.

"I had a couple friends with me from Sheridan, one by the name of Mr. Hands, the other Mr. Clarence Walden. We had been to the Pendleton Round-up, and they wanted a different route home, so we came to Heppner and home that way."

"When I first came there in 1919 I had to watch out for horses and buggies when crossing the streets. But now it's shiny autos instead. If it was as easy now as then to get a ranch job, I think I'd of stayed."

"Yes, I remember Hardman in the big days of the town of 200 people. I later worked around the town of Ione for ranchers. Your well-built buildings impressed my friends very much. If they ever put on a rodeo for riders 65 years old or older, let me know. I still like the ponies

back to the ranch for winter's only I'm getting so I seem to land harder now. But I guess if I'd come down slower, it wouldn't hurt so much."

"Yours truly,
L. V. Blair,
Rt. 1, Box 121, Sheridan, Ore."

Al Lamb to Show Pictures at Meet

Mayor Al Lamb will show his colored pictures of his recent trip to Africa at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, President Fred Gimbel announces.

Mayor Lamb made the trip to Central Africa with a U. S. Department of Commerce trade mission. Members of the Chamber have been awaiting the showing of the pictures and this

announcement is made so that all interested may plan to attend.

Sign discovered on a tree near a pond in Maine: "Anyone found near this private trout pond will be found there next morning."



Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES
Saturday Night Only 8:00 p.m.
Legion Hall
This week Walt Disney's "Tonka" in color.
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HOME FOOTBALL GAME
Heppner High versus Condon High.
Friday night, 8:00 p.m.
Rodeo Grounds
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Wednesday, Sept. 26, 8:00 p.m.
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